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As a result of rumors that Paraguayan exiles along the frontier in Argentina were making preparations for armed intervention in the Paraguayan political situation, source reported the following information from [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

1. Liberal elements are planning to intervene in the political situation in Asuncion if and when the opportunity arises. The principal leaders in this movement are Colonel Alfredo Ramos, Major Sergio Nardi, one Major Cristaldo (believed to be Rafael Cristaldo), Captain Bartolome Araujo, and Navy Captain Juan C. Paez. [REDACTED] Comment. Although Ramos resides most of the time in Buenos Aires, he frequently travels to points on the frontier.)
2. There is no indication that the Argentine Government is aiding these elements in their plans. However, on 13 November 1948 Nardi received from Buenos Aires thirty-seven cases of small-arms ammunition, which was brought in a disguised state by certain members, friendly toward the Liberals, of the Argentine National Gendarmerie. The Liberal military leaders have buried this ammunition somewhere along the frontier.
3. Although the Liberals do not desire an alliance with the Communists, the latter claim the Liberals have been forced to accept them since Communist leader Obdulio Barthe has a strong following of men and a good supply of arms.
4. Communist leader Augusto Canete estimates there are 2000 men along the Paraguayan-Argentine border who would participate in an intervention in Paraguayan affairs.
5. Febrerista cooperation in any Liberal move is doubtful.

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